

60009 (49991)
Response dated October 5, 2006

Group VI, claim 113, drawn to a method for enhancing chemical digestion of a biomolecule.

It is alleged that the inventions listed as Groups I-VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-33, drawn to a method for enhancing a chemical reaction of a molecule.

The Examiner further requests election of a type of analysis. Applicants provisionally elect mass spectrometry, exemplified in Example 3-4 and 6-8 on pages 25-29 of the specification, and as recited in claim 8.

This election is made with the understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to the consideration of the additional types of analysis which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

The present election should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter of the application. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims. It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60009 (49991).

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 439-4444.

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Respectfully submitted,

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